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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention – Policy Number 3

1. References:

- a. GTA 12-01-003, May 2008
- b. USAACE Pam 600-2, 28 June 2013


2. Suicide Prevention is a command program, but it is the responsibility of every leader and individual to protect our force. This policy letter lays the foundation for Brigade leaders to assess and mitigate conditions that contribute to suicide along with indentifying and aiding those at risk.

3. Commanders at every level must make every reasonable effort to guide Soldiers away from the idea that suicide or attempting suicide is a viable solution to any problem. Prevention of suicide must be a proactive process, involving each individual, the chain of command, Families and even the support agencies in our community. All leaders should be able to get or direct assistance with the appropriate agencies in a timely manner.

4. Although suicide prevention is a command program, it is the duty of every Soldier and Civilian in preventing suicide and promoting suicide awareness. It is often the individual Soldier, the friend, or the battle buddy who has the best insight as to who in our formations is at risk. Commanders will ensure that every Soldier is properly trained on Suicide awareness and prevention. Everyone needs to know the risk factors, the warning signs and what to do if they suspect a fellow Soldier or Family member is at risk. When an individual suspects that a fellow Soldier or Family member is at risk for suicide, they should apply the Act, Care, and Escort (ACE) method when intervening as referenced in GTA 12-01-003 and the USAACE PAM 600-2.

5. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Brigade Chaplain, MAJ Offen at 334-255-7785.

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